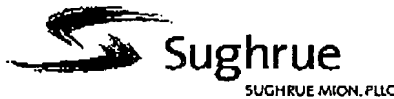


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Pursuant to your request, and in view of the apparent failure of the International Bureau to forward a copy of the IPER to the USPTO, please find attached hereto a Translation version of the IPER (3 pages) that we have received for PCT/JP99/05693, which we understand corresponds to the above-identified U.S. Application No. 09/673,953.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Joseph J. Ruch, Jr.", is written over a printed name.

Joseph J. Ruch, Jr.